



Newsletter Christmas 2017

"A graduate from CCC is recognised as a person who possesses a strong moral purpose and holds the courage of their convictions. Graduates will be equipped with the life skills to understand their own well-being so that they can manage their emotional, mental, spiritual and physical needs.

Christmas Reports

Your daughter/sons' Christmas report will be available to view on VS ware from 22nd December. The results will allow students and parents/guardians to appraise progress made in the last term and to plan for the months ahead. We have come to the end of a very busy and successful term and management and staff would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. We wish to commend our students for the manner in which they conducted themselves during the recent house exams.

Carol Service

We wish to extend our appreciation to all our staff, students and parents for their involvement and participation in our annual carol service. The College Choir, and the College Chamber Choir along with the Chaplaincy combined to produce another memorable evening.

Learning Beyond the Classroom

Your sons and daughters have been very busy participating in a range of activities and experiences beyond the classroom. Just some of the events that have taken place recently include:

- The French Breakfast for Childline
- Student Council Seminar
- LCA Drama Trip to Gate Theatre
- Mock Interviews for LC2 Students - supported by the Parents Association
- CAO information evening
- LCA Concert
- "Sing for Simon" at the Blanchardstown Centre
- Crib Carol Service
- Rang Seachnaill's visit to Dail Eireann
- French Theatre for Schools production for all students of French

Charity Events

Many thanks to all students, parents and staff who were involved in a host of charity events in recent weeks. Much of our fundraising was in support of the many agencies who are tackling homelessness. We also wish to congratulate our senior students who supported the rough sleepers project. As a result of their efforts over seventy care packs were distributed through the Simon Community in recent days.

Sports News

Our students have shown outstanding commitment and enthusiasm through their representation of the College in a variety of sports including Camogie, Football, Hurling, Basketball, Cross Country Running and Orienteering. We are very grateful to those parents who have assisted in the organisation of sporting events and look forward to your continued involvement.

- **Hurling:** It is with great pride that we announce our victory over Salesian College, Celbridge in the Under 16s Final on Friday 15th December. A formal celebration and presentation of the cup and medals will be arranged for a future date.
- **Basketball:** We congratulate the Boy's U19 Basketball Team on the hard work and skill that brought them the final of their league. They were very narrowly defeated by St Conleth's College, Ballsbridge.
- **Cricket:** Congratulations to Ian Anders of LC2 on being selected for the Irish U19's Cricket Team. We wish him well as he travels to the World Cup in New Zealand.

A timetable of the wide range of extra-curricular activities on offer in the College is available to download on the College Website.

BT Young Scientist

We wish Caoimhe Harrington, Alison Egan and Aine Morgan of Third Year well as they compete in the Young Scientist on 10th -13th January in the RDS.

DDLETB Festival of Music

Congratulations to all our students who were successful in the recent auditions for the DDL ETB Festival of Music which will be hosted in The National Concert Hall on February 28th. The College will be represented by the College Choir who will be accompanied by Rachael Armstrong & Gary Farrelly. We will also be represented by Eva Watters, Lucy McCarthy, Laura Armstrong, Sarah Joyce & Megan O'Driscoll who will be perform as a group on the evening.

Literacy at the College,

The Literacy Team within the College is currently focussing on promoting reading amongst students as part of our Literacy Plan for the College. In the coming months you can expect to see a range of activities taking place in the College that promotes reading. Our 2nd years gathered 250 books in a Book Drive in December and our Student Library Committee will be heavily involved in activities in the New Year. We will be hosting a Book Fair on the week of 22nd January, and during this week students will be able to visit the fair and view and purchase books if they choose.

Allergy Awareness

We would like to thank all members of the school community for their co-operation with our allergy awareness procedures this term.

College Uniform/Punctuality & Attendance

We appeal to all parents & guardians to ensure that your sons & daughters to comply with College regulations. Please contact the College should there be any issue regarding uniform, punctuality and attendance. Many thanks for your continued support as we strive to maintain excellent standards in these matters.

Regrettably there has been a decline in the standard of the PE uniform/gear, particularly among our senior students. We request that you support us in ensuring that your daughter/son wears the correct uniform/gear for all PE Classes & Sporting Activities.

Key Dates for the New Term

- School Reopens **Monday 8th January**
- Options Evening Parents/Guardians First Year 2018 **Wednesday 10th January**
- LC1 Parent Teacher Meeting **Tuesday 16th January**
- Second Year Parent Teacher Meeting **Tuesday 23rd January**
- Senior Cycle Information Evening **Wednesday 24th January**
- Mock Exams **Monday 29th January - Friday 9th Feb**
- First Year 2018 Assessment Test **Saturday 3rd February**
- Mid Term Break **Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February**

On behalf of the Board of Management and staff, we extend best wishes of the season to all families. We hope that Christmas will be a happy and peaceful period for our parents/guardians and students.

"Beannachtaí na Nollag daoibh go leir"

John Cronin - Principal



Estimate of Student Costs Jan – May 2018

(Please do not pay any money until formally requested)

Year	Due by	Expenditure	Amount
JC1 to JC2	Fri. 9 th Feb.	Registration Contribution	SSC €200 per student (or youngest sibling in family - €50 for each additional sibling)
JC2 to JC3	Mon. 19 th Feb.	Registration Contribution Mock Fee 2018	SSC €200 per student (or youngest sibling in family - €50 for each additional sibling) €75
Current JC3	January	Supervised Study <i>Optional</i>	€135
	February	JC State Exam Fee	€109 (estimate)
JC3 to LC1	Wed. 21 st March	Registration Contribution	SSC €200 per student (or youngest sibling in family - €50 for each additional sibling)
JC3 to TY	Wed. 21 st March <i>To be paid in advance of trips</i>	Registration Contribution <i>TY Deposit TY Balance</i>	€250 <i>€165 Carlingford approx. €265 Bundoran approx.</i>
TY to LC1	Wed. 21 st March	Registration Contribution	SSC €200 per student (or youngest sibling in family - €50 for each additional sibling)

LC1/LCA1 to LC2/LCA2	Mon. 5 th March	Registration Contribution Mock Fee 2018	SSC €200 per student (or youngest sibling in family - €50 for each additional sibling) €75
Current LC2/LCA2	January January February	Supervised Study – <i>Optional</i> CAO Fee LC State Exam Fee	€135 €30 (online enrolment up to 20 th Jan 2018) €116 (estimate)

Registration Contribution refers to Annual Contribution to the Sports, Social and Cultural Fund. **Mock Fee** to cover purchase of exam question papers, exam booklets, some corrections and oral examinations.

TY Contribution includes Microsoft online specialist training (MIS), Day of Reflection, Guest Speakers & Programmes/Workshops.

Graduation Fee LC2 *Estimate of €30 Covers fit out of venue, catering and Stor Fiuntas.*

Debs: *In 2018 cost for the Debs is expected to be between €80 - €85 per ticket, which covers Bus to and from venue, 3 Course Meal, Band, Disco and Breakfast. To be paid before end May.*

Please make online payments by logging on to www.castleknockcc.ie